



SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
MAY 17, 2020

Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

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Welcome to our online worship gathering. As we explore new ways of gathering as the people of God, you are invited to use this bulletin as a devotional aid. Continue to check your email, the Bethel website, and the Bethel Facebook page for more ways to connect and encourage one another.

www.bethelroseville.org <https://www.facebook.com/BethelRosevilleCA/>

The Easter Season continues . . .

and questions abound! As our local stay at home orders are adjusted and we ease back into a life outside of our homes, the Servant Team has begun to consider the future of worship at Bethel. We know that we are still weeks away from returning to on-site, in-person public worship at 1050 Douglas Blvd. Meanwhile, we hope to continue to gather for meaningful, engaging worship via Zoom. In order to do that we need your input. This week you will be emailed a survey; please fill it out thoughtfully. In the coming weeks there will be opportunities to learn more about, and discuss, what a return to worship in our sanctuary might look like and we look forward to hearing from you. Continue to practice creativity and patience as we find new ways to love one another from our physically distant locations.

Prayers and blessings to all of you in this coming week.

May the joy and hope of resurrection be with each of you in the coming days.

~Your Servant Team~

Welcome Tyra!!!

Today we welcome Tyra "Tyralucia" Dennis to our worship gathering!!!

Tyra is an ELCA Worship Leader from Los Angeles with a UC Davis connection – which practically makes her a local ☺

She has shared her faith and musical gifts with youth and adults from the stage of the Western States Youth Gathering and the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, as well as in small groups settings like youth group meetings and Bible studies in her local congregation.

In this strange time of COVID-19, it's a pleasure to welcome new musicians to be with us and share worship together!

Introduction to the day:

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,
let us turn again to God,
confessing the truth about ourselves.

Merciful God,

we come before you, beloved but broken.

We have not always treated others

as we would want them to treat us.

We have not always called out injustice and abuse.

We have not always been kind to ourselves.

We have not always taken care of the world

we share with other living creatures.

Remind us of who we are,

beloved children bathed in your love.

Renew us by your Spirit

to live as your holy people,

bringing healing to the brokenness around us.

Amen.

At every moment

you are held in existence by the love of God,

renewed by the Spirit within and among you,

and made alive again in Christ.

Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:

you are forgiven and freed

to live for the healing of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In*

(ELW 532)

Please mute yourselves and sing along at home with Tyra if you wish

1. Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

3. Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit

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There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence Lord

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence Lord

Holy Spirit you are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome, by your presence Lord
Your presence Lord

Bridge (4x)

Lets us become more aware of your presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

(Barbara Morris)

A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one

of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;**

I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

KIDS' MESSAGE

Jesus Loves Me

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Please mute yourselves and follow Tyra's instructions

1. It was just three words
But it changed my life
Just a childlike truth
That consumed my mind
From my life's first breath
Till the day I rise
All I need to know
Is this age old line

Chorus Jesus loves me
This I know
Jesus loves me
This I know
I won't forget
The Bible says
That He loves me so

2. It was just three nails
That held Him on that cross
But God was not restrained
For He was there by choice
As He gave His life
For a world He loved
So the earth replied
In this age-old song

Bridge Yes Jesus loves me
And His love won't forsake me I know
Oh Yes Jesus loves me
Oh He loves me so

3. It was just three days
But it changed our world
For when there seemed no way
From the grave He rose

Tag Yes, Jesus Loves Me
Yes, Jesus Loves Me
Yes, Jesus Loves Me
For the Bible tells me so

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (Allen Dunn)

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Everlasting God* ©Brenton Brown

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Strength will rise
As we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise
As we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

CREED

In this Easter season, let us join with Christians throughout the world and confess our shared faith using the words of the Nicene creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Alta Winters)*

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call us together into congregations to nurture and support one another. Continue to be with our Call Committee as it discerns your plan for a new pastor. Be with members of the Servant Team as they lead us through these uncertain, changing times. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way, especially those suffering from impacts of the corona virus. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Members may share additional prayer concerns at this time.

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

*We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness we return to God
a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us.*

*Thank you so much for your continued support in these unusual times. Please remember to continue to give to Bethel as you
are able; either online or through the mail.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just
as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of
the risen Christ.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108) (Pastor Allen Dunn)

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 112)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*During this time, you are invited to take communion in your home or to be in a time of prayer.
This may mean giving yourself the elements and that's OK. For others find what works best for you.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Relentless

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Please mute yourselves and sing along at home with Tyra if you wish

Salvation sounds a new beginning
As distant hearts begin believing
Redemption's bid is unrelenting
Your love goes on. Your love goes on

You carry us, carry us
When the world gives way
You cover us, cover us
With Your endless grace

Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless

The time is up for chasing shadows
You gave the world a light to follow
A hope that shines beyond tomorrow
Your love goes on. Your love goes on

You carry us, carry us
When the world gives way
You cover us, cover us
With Your endless grace

Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless

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Tearing through the veil of darkness
Breaking every chain, You set us free
Fighting for the furthest heart You gave
Your own life for all to see

Tearing through the veil of darkness
Breaking every chain, You set us free
Fighting for the furthest heart You gave
Your life (Your love is relentless)

Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless
Your love is relentless

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God and we will. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please read the following pages for updates on Bethel ministries and ways you can get involved.
You are invited to hang out for a virtual coffee hour and enjoy fellowship with our community.*

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Finance Update

To meet our **2020** Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6986***

Giving in May:

5/4	=	\$1651
5/10	=	\$2420.66
5/17	=	
5/24	=	
5/31	=	

TOTAL for May = **\$4071.66**

TOTAL for April = \$6762.82

**Keep in mind, this total may be adjusted with the final compensation package offered a new pastor*

Thanks for your ongoing support of



Online Giving Option

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, bethelroseville.org

You can make one-time donations or ongoing donations. No more having to remember your check!

If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 11 – Tom Selke

May 24 – Cindi Roxworthy

May 26 – Eileen Huhtala

Blessings to all of our May Birthdays; please let us know if we accidentally left you off this list!

Thank You to all of you who have volunteered to be readers in the coming months.

Today's readers are: Barbara Morris, Allen Dunn, and Alta Winters

Next week's readers will be: Nancy Garman, Bruce Seiler, and Kary Pfenning

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

Today's our day to serve lunch at St. Vincent de Paul in Roseville.

If you are interested in helping out, check with Scott Larson for details. (916-677-6069)

Our next scheduled day to serve is July 19th.



Congratulations to Bethel's College Graduates!!!

Today we celebrate three "children of Bethel" who have completed their course of study and earned their degrees! Their graduations might look a bit unusual this year, but we are proud of them just the same!

Katelyn Swanson – California Lutheran University

Bachelor of Science – Environmental Science with minors in Spanish & Religion

Brianna (Mendonsa) Bradbury – California State University, Sacramento

Bachelor of Arts – Photography

Maggie Herlocker – University of New Orleans

Master of Fine Arts – Creative Writing



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A very special thank you to all of our members who are also Thrivent members. Your decision to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Bethel earned us a total donation of \$309!! Thanks again – and please, remember us again next year! 😊



Amazon shoppers: don't forget to link your Amazon account to Bethel through the Amazon Smile Program. Starting your shopping at Amazon Smile is an easy way to donate to Bethel. Once you've signed up, start all your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com and your donations will come directly to Bethel.

POSTPONED

DUE TO COVID-19 CONSTRAINTS, THE FOLLOWING TWO OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED. STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES OR TALK WITH LISA HERLOCKER.



Looking forward to July 2021?? Interested in supporting the largest gathering of Lutherans and having a little fun? *Consider joining the Gathering Volunteer Corps of the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.*

Applications open May 21st. Adult volunteers are needed for a variety of behind the scenes roles and financial stipends are included.

For more details see www.elca.org/gathering or talk with Lisa Herlocker.

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LUTHERAN

WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 2020

LOBBY

virtual meeting | 9:00 am - 2:15 pm

DAY

Whoever you are, Lutheran Lobby Day is for you.

Maybe you are interested in politics, but aren't sure where to jump in. Or maybe you've never voted before and don't know what a legislative district is. Or maybe you've met with your legislators before, perhaps many times.

WHO: Laypeople, pastors and bishops will convene virtually for our second annual advocacy day with the California State Legislature. While we regret that we cannot gather in person at the State Capitol, we are excited that gathering virtually allows more people to participate.

WHY ADVOCACY? God calls us through baptism to strive for peace and justice through all the earth. Our advocacy will focus on COVID-19 relief for California's most impacted communities. Your voice is needed. No experience required!

HOW DO I PREPARE? Two training webinars will be offered prior to Lobby Day on May 6 at 12:00 pm and at 6:00 pm PDT. All registrants will receive information about how to participate in one of these trainings.

Register today at www.loppca.org

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Following the example set by Jesus Christ and being mindful of our Lutheran heritage of acceptance through GOD's grace, we welcome all to GOD's table. We invite all who are seeking GOD's love and grace to join us in worship and fellowship. We welcome all because GOD welcomes all, knowing that GOD's love is all-inclusive and stronger than any pressure to conform to the labels this world gives us.

We commit to providing a safe and welcoming place for people of any age, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome and love all no matter their socio-economic circumstances, outward appearance, immigration status, political affiliation, or anything that could seemingly divide us. The nature and extent of one's addictions, physical and mental health, or criminal history have no bearing on our commitment to welcome all.

*We affirm today, tomorrow, and for all of our days, that we will intentionally strive to live as people of faith, people of compassion, people of love, and people of grace. We invite you to come as you are to **Meet, Pray, & Love** together.*

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore a life of faith with us. If you are new to Bethel, welcome. If you've been here awhile—we hope you feel welcome, too. All are invited to come as you are to worship a GOD who meets us where we are and journeys with us in love and grace.

Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday
GIFT (Cross+Generational Learning Time) **at 10:15am**
(September through May)



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